## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of                                         :
Hiroki MOTOSUNA, et al.

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESSES**

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C.  20231

Sir:

      Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

      **Page 15, please replace the fifth, sixth, and seventh full paragraphs with the following new paragraphs:**

      Figs. 35A-D are exemplary diagrams showing a method of the weighted search.

      Figs. 36A-C are exemplary diagrams showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the recency, intensification, and the improvement of an object, respectively.

      Figs. 37A-B are exemplary diagrams showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the past performance records and an evaluation an object, respectively.

## REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the above amendments are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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# APPENDIX

## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification was amended as follows:**

**Page 15, the fifth, sixth, and seventh full paragraphs were amended as follows:**

Figs. 35A-D are exemplary diagrams [Fig. 35 is an exemplary diagram] showing a method of the weighted search.

Figs. 36A-C are exemplary diagrams [Fig. 36 is an exemplary diagram] showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the recency, intensification, and the improvement of an object, respectively.

Figs. 37A-B are exemplary diagrams [Fig. 37 is an exemplary diagram] showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the past performance records and an evaluation an object, respectively.